

**TITLE:        HAND-HELD TOOL FOR PIERCING AND SCRAPING**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A hand-held tool for piercing and scraping includes a handle with a short wedge-shaped blade having a pointed end for concentrating tearing forces for piercing, and a large radius tapering away from the pointed end for scraping. A thumb-rest portion is located a short distance from the handle to facilitate use of a thumb to grip and tear away packaging. The tool can also be used to scrape off sticky price labels or to clean grime, while minimizing scratching due to its plastic construction. A flexible cap can be slipped over the blade portion to protect and keep it clean. The cap can be removed and placed in the handle when using the tool, and easily removed again by pushing down on either end of the cap to raise the opposite end for grasping. The blade and handle can be injection molded as one piece from a high strength plastic.